

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification (~~strikethrough~~ indicating deletion and underline indicating insertion) as follows:

Please amend the paragraphs of the "Description of the Related Art" section starting on Page 2, line 18 to Page 4, line 1.

A search of the prior art did not disclose any patents that read directly on the claims of the instant invention; however, the following references were considered related:

5	<u>U.S. Pat. No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
	<u>5,787,363</u>	<u>Scott et al.</u>	<u>July 28, 1998</u>
	<u>5,570,389</u>	<u>Rossi</u>	<u>October 29, 1996</u>
	<u>5,479,480</u>	<u>Scott</u>	<u>December 26, 1995</u>
10	<u>4,654,867</u>	<u>Labedz et al.</u>	<u>March 31, 1987</u>
	<u>5,428,671</u>	<u>Dykes et al.</u>	<u>June 27, 1995</u>
	<u>5,408,520</u>	<u>Clark et al.</u>	<u>April 18, 1995</u>
	<u>4,837,800</u>	<u>Freeburg et al.</u>	<u>June 6, 1989</u>
	<u>4,697,281</u>	<u>O'Sullivan</u>	<u>September 29, 1987</u>
15	<u>4,972,457</u>	<u>O'Sullivan</u>	<u>November 20, 1990</u>
	<u>5,020,090</u>	<u>Morris</u>	<u>May 28, 1991</u>

The ~~'363~~ and ~~'389~~ references U.S. Patent Nos. 5,787,363 to Scott et. al. and 5,570,389 to Rossi describe a system and method for connect message
20 synchronization in a cellular data gateway. The ~~'480~~ and ~~'867~~ references U.S. Patent Nos. 5,479,480 to Scott and 4,654,867 to Labedz et al. disclose a cellular radio modem in analog and digital mode. The ~~'671~~ and ~~'520~~ references U.S. Patent Nos. 5,428,671

to Dykes et al. and 5,408,520 to Clark et al. disclose a modem with connections for land lines and cellular phones. The ~~'900 and '281~~ references U.S. Patent Nos. 4,837,800 to Freeburg et al. and 4,697,281 to O'Sullivan describe a cellular data telephone system (CDT) including a data control unit, modem, telephone, antenna, and connects to a data terminal. The ~~'457~~ reference U.S. Patent No. 4,972,457 to O'Sullivan discloses a laptop device with a cellular transceiver, speaker phone, and a hybrid communications control unit. The ~~'090~~ reference U.S. Patent No. 5,020,090 to Morris describes an apparatus for removably connecting a cellular phone to a computer.

However, none of the references disclose a cellular transceiver integrated with a conventional Personal Computer (PC) modem card designed to fit into a conventional PCMCIA slot of a laptop computer as in the present invention. Nor is the manner of the proposed combination of the satellite link and relay technology and the modem the focus of the utilitarian aspect of these inventions.

Please amend the first paragraph of the "Summary of the Invention" section starting on Page 5, line 17.

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a universal, PC/Personal Computer System (PCS) modem for use with a laptop unit, a desktop computer, hand-held unit, or cellular phone.